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Introduced by Representatives Roberts of Halifax, Bluemle of Burlington,  
Brumsted of Shelburne, Burrows of West Windsor, Cina of  
Burlington, Sims of Craftsbury, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; tobacco; tobacco products; tobacco paraphernalia; legal age  
for possession

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow persons  
under 21 years of age to possess tobacco in connection with Indigenous  
cultural tobacco practices.

An act relating to allowing minors to possess tobacco in connection with  
Indigenous cultural tobacco practices

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 1005(a)(1) is amended to read:

(a)(1) A person under 21 years of age shall not possess, purchase, or  
attempt to purchase tobacco products, tobacco substitutes, or tobacco  
paraphernalia unless:

1           (A) the person is an employee of a holder of a tobacco license and is  
2           in possession of tobacco products, tobacco substitutes, or tobacco  
3           paraphernalia to effect a sale in the course of employment; or

4           (B) the person is in possession of tobacco products or tobacco  
5           paraphernalia in connection with Indigenous cultural tobacco practices.

6           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7           This act shall take effect on passage.